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Board Approves Vote by Green Valley Lake Residents to Decide Future Road Maintenance & Snow Removal Funding

Green Valley Lake residents will get the chance to decide the level of road maintenance and snow removal services they want – and are willing to pay for – following approval by the Board of Supervisors today of a special election.

“This is the democratic process,” said Third District Supervisor Dennis Hansberger.

CSA 79 R-1 was formed in 1993 after the bridge to Green Valley Lake washed out due to heavy rains. The district was to provide bridge repair and maintenance, road paving and maintenance as well as snow removal services. It is currently funded by a special tax of \$100 per parcel per year, which provides total funding of about \$6,600. Revenue is not sufficient to cover the costs to provide road services and snow removal, according to the San Bernardino County Special Districts Department, which operates the district.

“In fact, this fiscal year, the district is projected to expend all of the funds and will not have any additional revenue until the first installment of property taxes received in December 2007,” said Thomas Sutton, Director of the Special Districts Department, in his report to the Board. “In order to continue to receive snow removal services and minimal pot-hole patching and tree trimming, an

annual service charge of \$352 per parcel per year with a 2.5% inflationary factor is required,” Sutton said.

A public meeting was held in Green Valley Lake on April 17th, and residents who attended the meeting requested the opportunity to vote in order to ensure they would continue to have snow removal services.

The Board’s action will provide the opportunity for all registered voters within the district to vote either for or against increasing the special tax. Passage of the election will require two-thirds of the voters to approve.

“Whether you agree or disagree with the tax, this is America and this is how we do it,” Hansberger said.